



Combined Schools Music Festival

For the Combined Schools Music Festival, the Perth Modern School Wind Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra had the unique opportunity to work with Dr Peter Morris, an amazing conductor from Griffiths University, Queensland.

- It was exciting to be able to benefit from the expertise of a conductor of this calibre who lit up the stage with an electrifying energy and funny anecdotes. Dr Morris treated us like professional musicians during our two days of 'musical boot camp' and truly elevated our performance.
- A highlight of this festival was to meet our counterparts from Rossmoyne Senior High School and to share a wonderful musical experience with them. Some enduring friendships have been made and we look forward to our next musical adventure together.

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From the Principal

The Combined Music Festival with Rossmoyne Senior High School was an outstanding success. It was the culmination of ten weeks of independent work and two intensive days of combined rehearsals as the two music communities joined together to provide more than 200 young musicians with a unique experience in collaborative music making. Our two schools have in common a strong respect for the value of music education and our like-minded approach to pedagogical practice significantly enhanced the potential to create a performance that mattered. Students were honoured to be joined by Dr Peter Morris, Deputy Director of the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University, as guest conductor. Dr Morris had been the first guest conductor at the inaugural festival in 2016, and it was fantastic that he agreed to return to Perth to collaborate with us again. Dr Morris coached and captivated the members of each ensemble, inspiring them all with his expertise, energy and wisdom that was evidenced on stage in their performances. The audience really enjoyed the festival and the students did both schools proud. I hope the students will remember the concert as a highlight of their musical journey at school.

My first **Anzac Commemoration Assembly** at Perth Modern and experiencing the pomp and ceremony was a very moving experience. Seeing the names and details of the Mod's Lost Boys whose lives were drastically cut short gives us pause for reflection and a chance to ponder their sacrifice. Perth Modern School is the only State school with a war memorial. It sits proudly on the concourse for students to walk by, etched with the names of the Modernians who made the ultimate sacrifice. I hope this proud tradition of remembrance continues at Mod for many more years to come.

After another enjoyable and busy term at Perth Modern School, through various excursions, incursions and innovative teaching and learning activities, I have been enjoying getting out and about and visiting students and getting to know them a little better. One of my favourite pastimes is surfing so of course I couldn't wait to join Year 10 Aquatic Recreation students when they had surfing lessons at Trigg Beach! What a great time they were all having. It is fantastic that so many learning opportunities are available beyond the classroom as an enriched curriculum full of internal and external stimulus is vital for the gifted learner.

Mufti Day was an enormous success, and I had a wonderful time mingling with staff and students. The day's activities raised

approximately \$11,500 for Feed the Little Children Inc, an organisation that helps give underprivileged children in Broome access to nutritious food. Fine weather combined with lots of entertaining stalls organised by students in Years 10, 11 and 12, great music and entertainment and delicious foods resulted in an enjoyable and collegial day for both students and staff. Students were asked to dress up in costumes inspired by their 'childhood memories' which resulted in lots of fun and colourful outfits, adding to the atmosphere. Thank you to everyone involved for a fantastic and fun-filled day.

It was great to spend time at the **Momentum Arts and Technologies Festival** and peruse the incredible artworks of our very talented students that were on display. It's fantastic to see the dedication and artistic endeavour of our students shine through in such a showcase. In addition, some fabulous dance and drama performances entertained the crowd. For staff, a delicious morning tea was held in the Mills building to allow them to wander and peruse the exhibition. Thank you to Head of Arts and Technology **Sally Floyd** and staff for organising another awe-inspiring festival.

For **Sorry Day** and **Reconciliation Week**, students spent time appreciating Indigenous peoples and culture and reflecting on their own views of multicultural Australia

celebrating and honouring First Nations Peoples. Students and staff attended the Acknowledge This! workshop to learn more about the acknowledgment of country and we also had several students come together to make immunisation packs for indigenous mothers and carers at King Edward Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Aboriginal Histories and Cultures Coordinator **Lucy Gunzburg** and Reconciliation Coordinator **Anneliese Donaldson** for running these activities.

This year, we made some modifications to the Year 7 camp to comply with pandemic protocols. Instead of sleeping over at a camp, students participated in the **Big Days Out**, which was still exhilarating and exhausting for students but without a sleeping over arrangement. Students enjoyed good weather and the chance to bond further with their peers and teachers. Activities included climbing, archery, team building, movie watching and the Chaplain's Circle. Thank you to Head of Year 7 **Anish Badgeri**, Manager Middle Years **Matthew Healy** and all staff who attended.

Associate Principal **Fiona Tholet** and I were delighted to be invited to judge the 2022 **House Dance Competition**. We were both extremely impressed at the level of dance and choreography talent on display. Parsons were the worthy winners, however all Houses can be very proud of their dance routines

which were entertaining and enjoyable, with the costumes, music and choreography all excellent. Thank you to dance teacher **Melanie Wilcock** for helping coordinate a fantastic showcase.

Year 7 students performed in their first music concert all together in front of an appreciative audience as part of the **Winter Concert** series. All Year 7 students were involved, whether they were in Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Wind Band or Ripieno. They did a great job, especially considering their rehearsal schedule had been impacted by COVID-19. Thank you to Head of Music **Philippa Roy** and all Music staff for their guidance of the students.

Four **Year 7 Student Councillors** have been selected by their peers. Congratulations to **Aneesh Samanta, Isabelle Lim, Sam Vallabhaneni** and **Renee Tan** who will undoubtedly represent the student body with distinction.

Congratulations to the following students for their successes in Term 2:

- **Anna Tokarev** in Year 12 represented WA at the **National Schools Debating Championships** in Canberra.
- **Huda Zaidi** won the national **Lions Youth of the Year** competition.
- **Mudith Kariyawasam** in Year 7 has won the **John Gavin WA Schools short story competition**.
- **Angela Lodis** in Year 10 has been selected as Member for Nedlands in the **YMCA Youth Parliament**.
- **Celia Hawkins** in Year 9 has been awarded a **Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship**.
- **Lillie Sartori** and **Ally Firth** in Year 11 were selected by the Confucius Institute to represent WA in the **Global Chinese Bridge Competition**. Lillie came third nationally and first in the written section and will represent Australia in the final stage of this global competition.
- **Adam Chung** in Year 7 and **Paula Gruber** and **Windson Tang** in Year 8 won Chess Association of WA trophies as part of the **School Chess League Championships**.
- **Cassie Lee, Isaac Lee, Audrine Lee** and **Inesh Kumaranthunga** in Year 7 came

in the global top 10 of the **Imagine Cup** Junior competition, for their creative design using artificial intelligence for better recycling.

- Twelve High Distinctions were awarded to our students in the **Computational and Algorithmic Thinking** competition: **Maduricaa Yohanathan, Cassie Lee, Samanyu Vallabhaneni, Susavi Jayawardena, Jacinta Kearney, Tiger Varol** and **Akshayan Mukunthan** in Year 7; **Rayden Oliveoro** and **Luke Antenucci** in Year 8; **Saya Mallen** in Year 9; **Christian Choe** in Year 10 and **Ethan van Bruchem** in Year 12.
- The team of **Chen Yu Lim, Dipika Choudhury, Jack Bariss** and **Jeans Pang**, and the team of **Atharva Sathe, Ethan Yap, John Peiris** and **Santi Chua** made the national finals of the **International Maths Modelling Competition**.
- **Cayden Arquiza-Ralenas** in Year 8 has been selected to represent WA in the

Australian Karate Federation National Championship (Kata category).

- Sisters **Jasmine Wu** in Year 9 and **Chelsea Wu** in Year 7 won gold medals at the **Victorian Table Tennis Open**.
- **Kirsty Petterson** in Year 10 won gold in the U16 Girls event at the **Secondary Champion Schools Cross Country**.
- **Renee Tan, Lilianna Baldwin** and **Jasmine Wu** achieved the first-place trophy in the **Interschool Squash Competition** Junior division.
- **James Daubney** and **Ben Michael** in Year 11 attended the trials for selection for the **Under 16 Boys' State Soccer team**. James was named Most Valued Player from all attending and has since been announced as a member of the team.
- **Paul Burnett** from the Class of 2015 is going for Gold in **Beach Volleyball** at the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games**.

Mitch Mackay, Principal

Modernian John Stone awarded Order of Australia

John Stone AO has had an impressive record of academic achievement at school and at university as well as a distinguished career as a public servant. He first studied mathematical physics, but after he won a Rhodes Scholarship, studied philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University. After graduation he began work with the Australian Department of Treasury in London. He remained with the Department of Treasury, eventually becoming its head until he resigned in 1984.

Before he became Secretary of the Department of Treasury, he spent further years overseas in London and in Washington. The election of a Labor government in 1983 brought him into direct association with a new Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, who had been in his year at Perth Modern School.

In 1987 John was elected to the Australian Senate as a representative of the National Party. After he left the Senate in 1990 John wrote columns about economics and politics for several influential newspapers. He helped found the conservative Samuel Griffith Society and the Council of the National Interest.



FROM TOP: John Stone as president of the University of Western Australia Student Guild, 1951.
COURTESY OF THE UWA STUDENT GUILD.
John Stone when he was in the Australian Senate.

Mufti Day fundraises for 'Feed the Little Children'



Mufti Day Fun

An awesome day was had by all students at the 2022 Mufti Day! Students were asked to come along dressed in outfits inspired by their 'childhood memories' and spend their Mufti Day Dollars on a range of fantastic activities and delicious food created by our innovative Years 10, 12 and 12 advocacy students.

There was entertainment galore as staff members brought their cute dogs along for a play, singers and musicians performed on stage, homing pigeons were released, and a fun Legally Blonde flash mob entertained the lunchtime crowds.

The Nintendo Neon Switch raffle was won by Alistair Keenan in Year 11—congratulations Alistair! Tae Geddes in Year 12, Zoe Birkovic in Year 8, Sidh Roval in Year 8 and Anna Irekpolo in Year 9 won Champion Education vouchers. A big thank you to former School Board member Matt Birney for donating the Nintendo.



Mufti Day fundraising raised approximately **\$11,500** for the charity

FEED the Little CHILDREN inc.





Mufti Day raffle winners: Tae Geddes, Zoe Birkovic, Alistair Keenan, Sidh Roval and Anna Irekpolo.



Wrap up of the 'Momentum' Arts and Technologies Festival

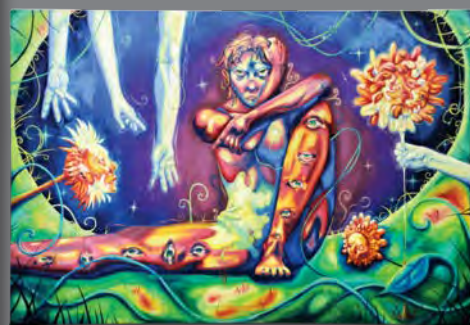


Thank you to everyone from the school community who came to the opening night of the 'Momentum' Arts and Technologies Festival!

A special thank you to Sally Floyd, the Head of Arts and Technologies, all of our talented teachers and contributing students whose work was the star of the show.

Crystal Lee in Year 8 played the harp at the opening, entertaining parents, students, Modernians and staff in attendance as they moved through the Mills Gallery and into the dance studios to watch some wonderfully creative dance and drama productions.





Student Accolades



Anna Tokarev

← Anna mixes it with Australia's best debaters

Reaching new heights, Anna Tokarev in Year 12 was part of the WA Debating team which competed in the National Schools Debating Championships in Canberra.

Anna's selection for the State team follows the school's rich history of debating success, producing debaters for the State team nine times in the past 10 years.

Fellow Perth Modern School students Sashank Thapa, Huda Zaidi and Nyah Gray made the 12-student State debating squad before final selection of the team.

Anna said debating teaches critical thinking skills and develops your ability to think quickly on your feet.

'I love debating because I get to express my opinions and you often get topics that you haven't really thought about which expands your thinking and knowledge and you get a really nuanced understanding of the world,' she said.

'I have also really enjoyed being in the State team—we have spent so much time together and formed really strong bonds and supported each other. We also need to come up with the points the other team might make and how to counteract them.'

Principal of Perth Modern School Mitch Mackay said Anna has been an accomplished debater since taking it up as a Year 7 student and he was delighted to see her represent WA.

'The school community is very proud of Anna, especially her debating mentors at Mod, Louise Secker and Anish Badgeri,' he said.

Cayden to represent WA in Karate

Congratulations to Cayden Arquiza-Ralenas in Year 8 who has been selected as a WA representative in the Australian Karate Federation National Championship (Kata category) to be held in Rockhampton, Queensland, in August.

Cayden has also won a bronze medal in the Male Children's Kata category at the State Championships earlier this year and his team won Gold in the Shobukan Open.

> Cayden Arquiza-Ralenas



← Jasmine and Chelsea Wu are triple State Table Tennis champions

Sisters Jasmine Wu in Year 9 and Chelsea Wu in Year 7 recently competed in the Victorian Table Tennis Open with both claiming Gold.

Jasmine and Chelsea are currently triple State champions for singles and doubles for their respective age groups, having won State titles from WA, Queensland and Victoria. In July, they will be flying the WA flag at the National Junior Table Tennis championships on the Sunshine Coast.

Jasmine and Chelsea Wu.

Angela to represent Nedlands in the Western Australian YMCA Youth Parliament

Angela Lodis in Year 10 is now the Member for Nedlands in the Western Australian YMCA Youth Parliament.

Angela is particularly interested in arts and mental health policy—addressed in the legislation she is introducing in the next few weeks (and after her school exams).

Participants in the Youth Parliament debate and vote on bills, including the *Electronic Waste Reduction, Redistribution and Recycling Bill 2022*, the *Local Government Amendment Bill 2022*, the *Children's Justice Bill 2022*, the *Education Modernisation Bill 2022*, the *Housing Affordability Bill 2022* and more.

Dr Katrina Stratton MLA, Member for Nedlands, with Angela Lodis.



Celia awarded a Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship

Congratulations to Celia Hawkins in Year 9 who has been awarded a Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship to help with her education expenses as she finishes her last four years of secondary schooling. Well done Celia!

Celia Hawkins being presented with her scholarship by Cathy Johnstone, Strategic Project Manager, Harding Miller Foundation.



Ally and Lillie represent WA in the Global Chinese Bridge Competition

Year 11 students Lillie Sartori and Ally Firth were selected by the Confucius Institute at UWA to represent WA in the Global Chinese Bridge Competition. They were chosen via interview, with only four students from WA selected for this national competition.

For the competition, Lillie and Ally completed a written test in Chinese, a speech, and a culture performance. Ally performed Butterfly Lover on the saxophone and Lillie acted as the main Chinese character Mulan by reciting a traditional Mulan poem.

Their performances were brilliant, with Lillie coming third overall nationally and coming first in the written section. Lillie will now represent Australia in the final stage of this global competition.

Lillie Sartori and Ally Firth.





Mod players stay top of Chess rankings

Perth Modern School students have a record of excellence in Chess, and this has continued in 2022 with the success of Adam Chung in Year 7, Paula Gruber in Year 8 and Windson Tang in Year 8 who have won Chess Association of WA trophies as part of the School Chess League championships.



Adam Chung



Paula Gruber



Windson Tang

Global innovators awarded for recycling invention

The 'Clean Up Crew' featuring four Year 7 students have been selected in the top 10 of a global innovations competition for their creative design using artificial intelligence for better recycling, successfully competing against thousands of teams from around the world.

For the Imagine Cup Junior competition Isaac Lee, Inesh Kumarathunga, Cassie Lee and Audrine Lee were tasked with coming up with an innovative idea that used artificial intelligence to help humankind.

Their idea was an all-in-one AI device that collects and sorts waste material into appropriate categories to be properly recycled. Their presentation included a detailed analysis of how deep learning is leveraged in the design of their app.

'We wanted to do something for the environment for the competition, and after brainstorming environmental problems, recycling was what we picked to find a solution for,' Audrine said.

'We wanted a way to sort the different waste items so at first we decided to put a tag on each waste product, but we decided that would be very inefficient and costly so we just put an ultrasonic sensor that would detect the type of material of each product and sort them,' Isaac explained.

'This bin will benefit households because many people get confused working out what to recycle because the labels can be really confusing,' Inesh said. 'With this bin you can just put rubbish in and there's no hassle as the bin just sorts it for you.'

'I think our design stood out because it has so many different functions: it also had the ability to move around and pick up rubbish from the floor,' Cassie said. 'It's also really good for the environment as pollution is a really big problem nowadays so we need solutions for pollution.'

Principal of Perth Modern School Mitch Mackay said the four students should be very proud of their amazing idea and for being amongst the global winners in the competition.

'These four students were very innovative in how they looked at this problem and the solution they come up with to help,' Mr Mackay said.

Each student in the Clean Up Crew won an Imagine Cup trophy and backpack valued at \$300 USD.

Isaac Lee, Inesh Kumarathunga, Audrine Lee and Cassie Lee.



Remembering Mod's Fallen: Anzac Commemoration Assembly



At the beginning of Term 2, in keeping with school tradition, a moving Anzac Day Service was held to remember the sacrifices of previous generations and Modernians, and to pay our respects to those who have gone before us.

Due to pandemic regulations, the service was split into two different assemblies with speeches delivered by Principal Mitchell Mackay, recipient of the Stokes-Sadler scholarship Sachi Elliott, and Army Cadet Dean Winarto. The school orchestra and choir led by Celia Christmass performed several songs through the commemoration. The bugler was Year 12 ATAR Music student, Tim Nguyen.

LEST WE FORGET.



TOP FROM LEFT: One minute of silence to remember the Modernians who paid the ultimate sacrifice; and bugler Tim Nguyen.

ABOVE: Speakers Army Cadet Dean Winarto and Sachi Elliott.

FAR LEFT: The School Orchestra and Choir were led by Celia Christmass.

LEFT: Principal Mitchell Mackay addresses the assembly.

BELOW: Perth Modern School Cadets.



Wellbeing at the heart of Mod



Commissioner Jacqueline McGowan-Jones (right) visited the school and chatted with some of our students about modern day issues affecting young people.



Commissioner for Children and Young People pays a visit

Perth Modern School enjoyed a visit from Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Selected students from various year groups had a round table discussion with the Commissioner on a range of topics that affect their lives, sharing their views and receiving some great advice and information in return. The round table discussions were lively and thought-provoking. We thank Ms McGowan-Jones for taking the time to visit our students!



Chalk and cheese for inclusivity

POST NEWSPAPER

Students from Perth Modern School's sexuality and gender alliance, and LGBTQIA+ community members and allies celebrated International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) with a special event run by the City of Subiaco.

Those who came along painted a temporary giant chalk rainbow on the walkway directly outside the City's Administration Centre to celebrate and appreciate our diverse community, raise awareness of the importance of equality, and champion inclusivity in schools and workplaces.

There were powerful speeches from members of Perth Modern School's sexuality and gender alliance, chalk affirmations painted at the end of the rainbow, rainbow cupcakes and rainbow face painting.



FAR LEFT: Perth Modern School students painted a rainbow on a Subiaco sidewalk to help promote inclusivity.
LEFT: Tae Geddes

Computational Thinking and Maths Modelling at Mod!

MARK WHITE, HEAD OF MATHEMATICS



Computational and Algorithmic Thinking

In Term 2 we entered 100 of our best coders into the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition that is run by the University of Canberra Australian Maths Trust.

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition is a problem-solving competition designed to encourage student curiosity and promote multiple modes of thinking and help identify students' computer programming potential—something they might not normally have an opportunity to demonstrate. Part of our Year 7, 8 & 9 Maths program is to learn and use Python coding to develop higher order computational thinking and critical thinking.

Perth Modern won 12 High Distinctions, 17 Distinctions and 31 credits.

High Distinction winners:

Year 7: Maduricaa Yohanathan, Cassie Lee, Samanyu Vallabhaneni, Susavi Jayawardena, Jacinta Kearney, Tiger Varol and Akshayan Mukunthan

Year 8: Rayden Oliveoro and Luke Antenucci

Year 9: Saya Mallen

Year 10: Christian Choe

Year 12: Ethan van Bruchem

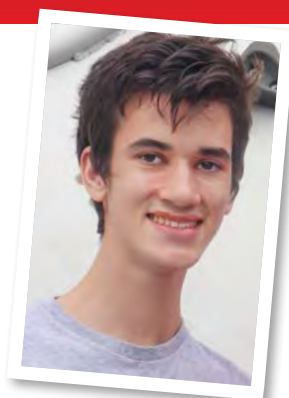
International Maths Modelling Competition

Perth Modern also entered five teams into the International Maths Modelling Competition which requires students from Years 10 to 12 to work in teams and provide a mathematical model to solve a complex but real-life problem.

This year's problem was to devise a system to maximise efficiency of boarding passengers into a large passenger plane. Two of our teams made it to the National finals and a third team received an Honourable mention.

These teams devised a computer program to solve this problem with high level algorithms.

Congratulations to Team 1: Chen Yu Lim, Dipika Choudhury, Jack Bariss and Jeans Pang; **Team 2:** Atharva Sathe, Ethan Yap, John Peiris and Santi Chua; and **Team 3 (Honourable Mention):** Daniel Gholami, Joel Bariss, Noah West and Thyler Cung.



'Encouraged by Perth Modern's previous national finalists, I convinced my friends to compete in the International Mathematic Modelling Challenge. After reading the prompts for past competitions, my team signed up, excited to use what we've learnt in school to construct a mathematical model to tackle a real-world problem.

Over many days of long group calls, research, and equation writing, we wrote a JavaScript program to simulate the fastest ways of

boarding and disembarking an aeroplane, and a twenty-page report analysing all these methods both empirically and mathematically. Writing and editing this document up till the last minute before submission, we were proud of how hard we managed to push ourselves, how much we had learnt about mathematical analysis, and how we had worked so well as a team together.'

Noah West, Year 12

Maths Olympiad

Recently we have had 150 students from Years 7 and 8 enter the Australian Problem-Solving Maths Olympiad. This national competition involves five rounds after school spread throughout the year. In Term 2 we completed Round 3 and the results already look very impressive.

Studying mathematics at tertiary level

At the end of term, we had Modernians Micah Sinclair and Arthur Caspelherr from the Class of 2021 give a lecture on studying Mathematics at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. Micah is a Tuckwell Scholarship winner from last year and is studying Mathematics within the Bachelor of Science (Philosophy) and Arthur is studying Mathematics as part of the Bachelor of Science. Both gave an informative and at times entertaining talk on the merits and opportunities of studying Mathematics at the tertiary level, especially at ANU.

Micah Sinclair and Arthur Caspelherr present a talk to students on studying mathematics at the tertiary level.



Reconciliation enthusiastically embraced at Mod



Qiufei Li, Jade Seabrook, Felicity Bayne, Lily Bousfield, Ekaterina Khakimullina, Nyah Gray and Ethany Bates with the immunisation packs they made for indigenous mums and carers.

Mod volunteers help Indigenous mums with baby packs

As part of Reconciliation Week, Perth Modern School students helped make gift packs for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islanders mums and carers at King Edward Memorial Hospital. These packs promote on-time immunisation and provide resources to improve access to immunisation services.

The packs include frequently used items such as a baby grow suit, water bottles and hand sanitiser, and feature local Aboriginal artwork which incorporates a reminder of when childhood vaccines are due.

Metropolitan Communicable Disease Control is working with King Edward Memorial Hospital to distribute baby gift packs to mothers of Aboriginal infants. Their representatives helped supervise the pack-making session at Perth Modern which had been arranged by Aboriginal Histories and Cultures Coordinator Lucy Gunzburg.

Teacher and Reconciliation Coordinator Anneliese Donaldson, who had volunteered her time to help supervise, said that reconciliation is a priority both for her as a teacher and for the school.

'We are incredibly lucky at Perth Modern to have some of the most insightful and socially minded kids in the state so it's wonderful to be able to participate in this really worthwhile program,' Ms Donaldson said.

Ethany Bates in Year 12 said she wanted to get involved in helping with the bags as she was passionate about both predetermined high-risk pregnancies and births and also reconciliation: 'The school has done a really awesome job recently with organising activities like the Acknowledgement of Country workshop, which I think was quite impactful, and I am really happy to keep contributing to what will be more impactful reconciliation opportunities in the future.'

Acknowledge This!

ANNELIESE DONALDSON,
RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR

The Acknowledge This! workshop with Rhys Paddick and Emma Gibbens focused on sharing stories, discussing culture and increasing individual and group confidence of how to connect with meaningful Acknowledgements of Country.

In attendance were 65 students and five members of staff. Rhys and Emma were able to bring their collective experience as an Aboriginal Educator and a change strategist to facilitate meaningful discussions and broaden understanding and perspectives.

Since the workshop, students have taken the opportunity at various school events to demonstrate what they have learned to write and say their own Acknowledgements of Country.



< Students learned in the workshop that only elders can perform a Welcome to Country but they can write and perform their own Acknowledgment of Country recognition at events.

> Rhys Paddick and Emma Gibbens present the Acknowledge This! workshop.



Remembering others...



Vale Penelope Acott

Class of 1991

Penelope Acott (née Brockwell) transferred into the music program from another specialist music school part way through 1988. She remembered her school days at Mod with affection...

Some of the greatest days were Mufti Day where teachers and students could let down their hair and there was such a sense of camaraderie. I became friends with many of my fellow students from many of the groups that form in school. However, I 'joined' a group of girls who became lifelong friends. There are 15 of us in total and we still get together or catch up when we can, even if it's years in between.

I truly enjoyed my home economics classes and had a real passion for dressmaking, which became my profession when I left school. I trained at Wilson's Bridal House and built a business in handmade bridal and ball gowns. I then left this profession and moved into a new career within soft furnishings—still indulging my passion for fabrics—but now delving into dressing interiors rather than the body form.

In 2001 I opened my own business called Penny's For Curtains and within a few years had grown into a business employing ten staff and branching into interior design as well as soft furnishing manufacturing.

I've enjoyed doing projects such as the Ronald McDonald House at Princess Margaret Hospital and four Telethon Homes.

Perth Modern School provided an encouraging environment which allowed me to build a self-confidence I had not known I could achieve. There were several amazing teachers that would sit down and have a chat about life, love etc. A few D&M conversations revealed a lot about what I wanted to do with my life and who I wanted to be. Even though I started in the music program I did not continue with it. However, the experience was very rewarding and prepared me to deal with situations such as public speaking, organising large groups of people and facing fears.

I don't have any grand history from school. I was not a prefect and did not win any awards. The only thing I was known for at school was that I was friends with everyone. It's not very exciting or newsworthy but I cherish that memory the most.



Huge fundraising effort for Vinnies Winter Appeal

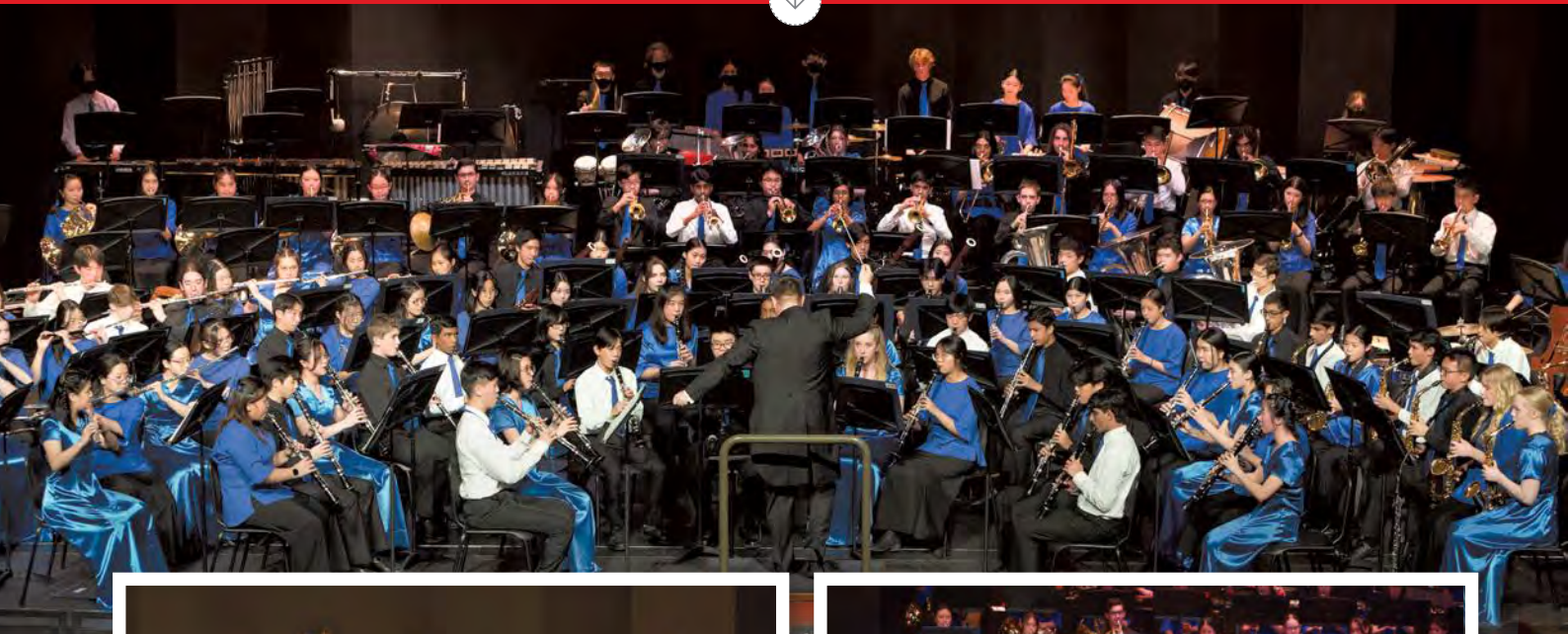
Thank you to all our Perth Modern School families who generously donated household items including non-perishable foods and hygiene items to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal!

- Organised at the school level by Chaplain Natalie Fergusson, the appeal was a great success with many items donated.
- Vinnies volunteers Peter Pistilli and Louis Carr attended the school to pick up all the goodies that they will now sort and distribute to WA families in need.

FROM LEFT: Rohan Mendez, Peter Pistilli (Subiaco Conference Treasurer), Jazz O'Hayon, Sofia Dolfi, Isobel Doe, Emma Maas and Louis Carr (Member Subiaco Conference).



Coming together for magical music



Dr Peter Morris Masterclasses for Wind Bands



Wind Bands 2, 3 and 4 were fortunate to participate in masterclasses with Dr Morris. This was a wonderful opportunity to workshop repertoire for their upcoming concerts or develop their ensemble skills.



Winter Concerts herald musical excellence

PHILIPPA ROY, HEAD OF MUSIC



Students have been fortunate to have all their concerts in Semester 1 held in the lovely Cyril Tyler Auditorium.

Ensembles performed together magically, with wonderful performances from all, and it was a great opportunity to see and share in each other's successes.

All students are to be congratulated on their willingness to be flexible and their resilience as they have managed the challenges and continued to create wonderful music together.

Winter Concert 2



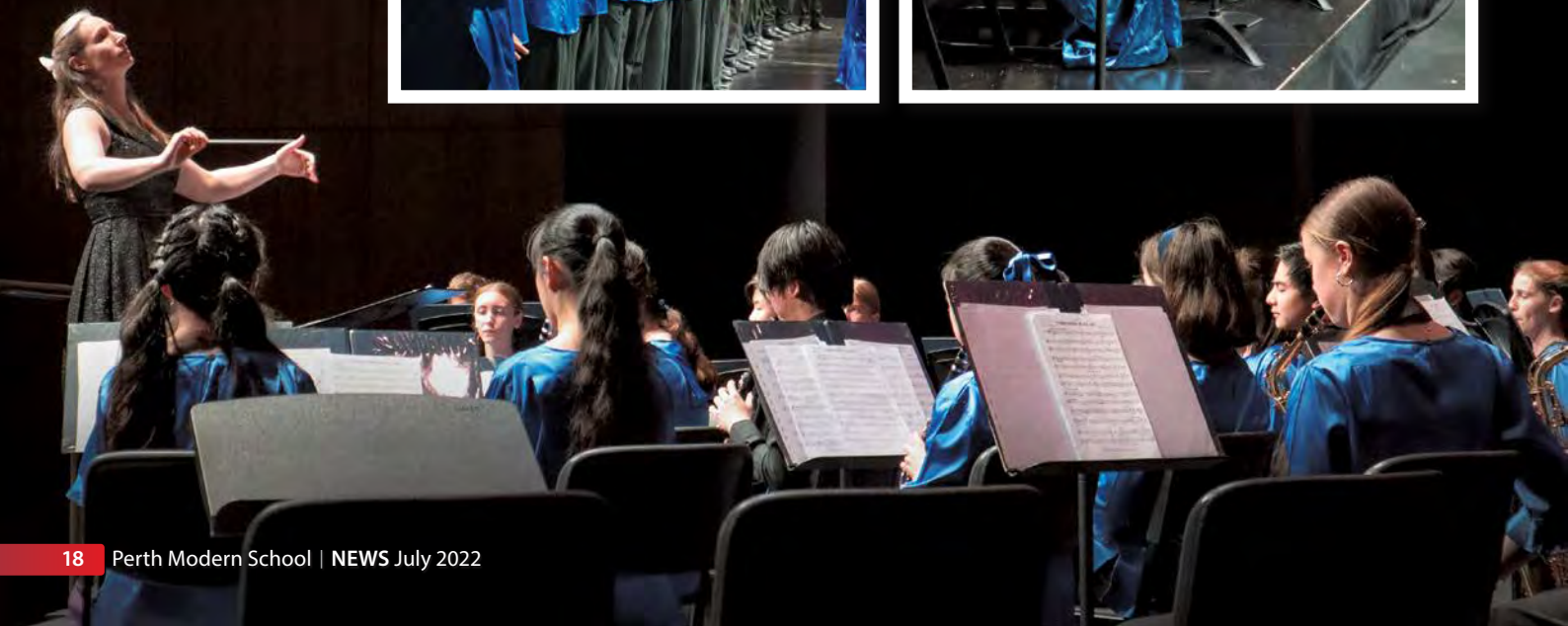
TOP: Chanteurs

ABOVE: Contemporary Ensemble 2.

RIGHT: Year 9 Choir.

FAR RIGHT: Sinfonia

BELOW: Wind Band 2.



Winter Concert 3

TOP: Junior Guitar Ensemble.
RIGHT: Jazz Band 2.
BELOW LEFT: Wind Band 3.
BELOW RIGHT: Contemporary Ensemble 3.



ABOVE: Year 8 Choir.
BELOW: Concertino with soloists
Max Murray and Binthi Gunawardhana.



Year 10 Politics and Law: Mock Trial Activity

ARYA PANDEY AND AMANI KARIUKI, YEAR 10



Mr McMahon's Year 10 Politics and Law Mock Trial Class.

Students in Year 10 Politics and Law classes have recently conducted Mock Trials, applying our knowledge of the legal system and testing our quick-thinking skills.

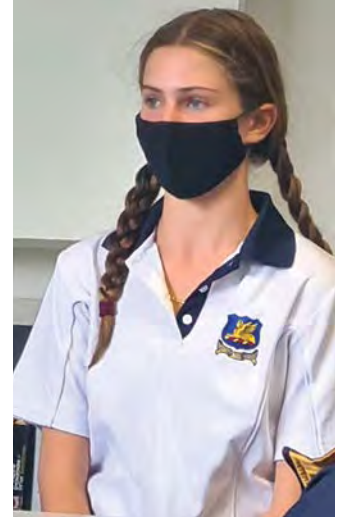
In the weeks prior, we learnt about the Adversarial System of Trial, Sentencing and Miscarriages of Justice before moving into the Mock Trial unit. Learning about the laws of evidence, witness examination, and courtroom conduct, we became familiar with how to conduct a fair and legal trial. The case was presented, and the class split into Prosecution and Defence to prepare the trial materials.

The court was in session and the proceedings began with appointed barristers addressing the court, carefully guided by their solicitors. This was followed by the examinations-in-chief of each

witness as well as scrutinising cross-examinations from barristers from both parties. Each party presented compelling arguments through case evidence, witness examination and court addresses.

After the expert delivery of closing addresses was a short deliberation period. The Honourable Judge Franz, who had practised a lawyer before becoming a HASS teacher, announced the verdict in favour of the Prosecution and explained the existing precedent and common law principles that guided her decision. Despite the verdict, the Defence was declared the winner of the Mock Trial.

This was a highly enjoyable and interesting experience for all. Many thanks to Mr Rick McMahon and Ms Monica Franz for making it possible!



^ Kirsty Petterson as Witness 1
– Coco Ryder.

Kai Jun Kanas as the Court Orderly, Poojani Ranamuka as the Judge's Associate and Nishan Alagoda as Witness 2 – Keenan Chalk.



Mudith wins John Gavin short story competition



Mudith Kariyawasam in Year 7 has been named the winner of the John Gavin WA Schools short story competition. Read his winning entry below.

The Execution

by Mudith Kariyawasam

One boy, one life, one "Death"

"Death." That's what they call me. I'm the conclusion of life and the end of yet another soul.

During my stay at Earth, I have watched humankind for a long time, and I have seen it grow, but there was one moment in my "deathspan" that has never left my mind since.

The Roundhouse, 8th April 1844

The guards came down the metallic steps dragging the defendant along with him. I stood there with my scythe, melting into the shadows. I stared at the 15-year-old murderer convicted of the despicable crime of the murder of an 18-year-old boy. A sense of satisfaction washed over me as I relished this moment of true justice.

As I stared into those blank eyes the calamity of events came spiralling down upon me.

It was nine minutes past midnight when the bedroom door of which I was situated in creaked open. The intruder tiptoed through the room wary of the soft snores of the 18-year-old, George Pollard. I recalled as the convict raised his knife.

Then, he hesitated.

Tears started to swell up inside his eyes. The 15-year-old shook his head, a sense of determination washing over him, and he plunged the knife into the chest of the sleeping figure.

"John Gavin, you have been convicted of the first-degree murder of George Pollard, the penalty of which is death by hanging. There have been no stays or reprieves; therefore, the

JOHN GAVIN (OR GAVEN)

(1829 – 6 APRIL 1844) WAS THE FIRST EUROPEAN SETTLER TO BE LEGALLY EXECUTED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. HE WAS EXECUTED FOR MURDER AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN.

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execution will go forward as stipulated under the laws of the Swan River Colony. Do you have any last words?

"No. No, I don't," he whispered.

I stared into his eyes and saw guilt, regret and pain. The executioners dragged the boy up to the platform.

"Please, please don't," he wailed.

"I don't want to die."

"Please, I beg you."

"Spare me, god, spare me."

His helpless cries echoed through the room. I stared at his eyes one last time but this time, I saw a fearful boy. Not a murderer. A boy whose life was about to be cut short by the law. A growing boy who had a future ahead of him.

Maybe there was a story behind this murder. Perhaps this was not all as it seemed like. He was just a boy, after all, and suddenly, I didn't want him to die. But the black cloth was placed on his head and I lost eye contact. I could still hear the whimpering from underneath the mask.

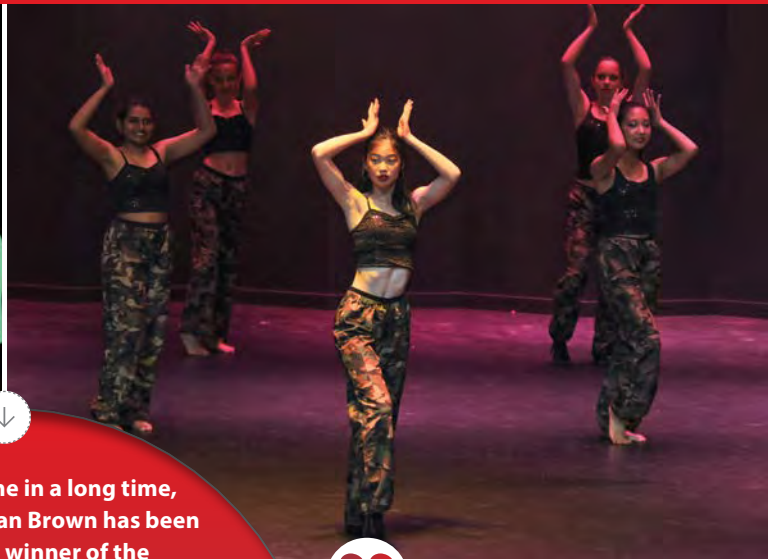
The executioner placed the noose around his head, but the boy just stood there, without fighting as if he had accepted defeat and knew that death was inevitable. I stood there not believing that I had thought of killing this boy. To cut his life short. But there was nothing I could do now.

The trapdoor fell and the I could feel the boy's soul turn to my grasps. As the crowd erupted in a fit of cheers, the boy was left dangling on the noose, dead.

Winners of the John Gavin short story competition. Mudith is in the middle of the front row.



Parsons wins 2022 House Dance!



For the first time in a long time, a House other than Brown has been crowned the winner of the House Dance Competition!

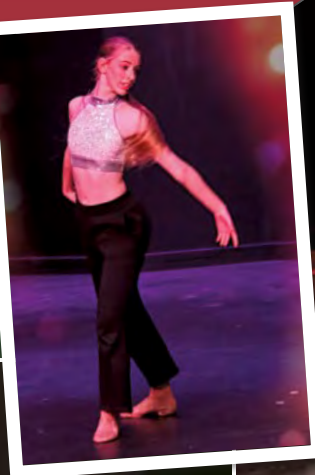
Judged by Principal Mitch Mackay and Associate Principal Fiona Tholet, it was a very close contest, with Parsons just pipping Sampson for the coveted trophy, and Brown and Downing coming equal third. The dances were choreographed by the students with each House selecting a singer to honour. The songs of Rihanna, Michael Jackson, Jennifer Lopez and Beyonce were featured.

It was a great way to end the term, and well done to all the dancers for entertaining us so brilliantly!



It was fantastic to be invited to judge the 2022 House Dance competition. It was very hard to choose a winner as all the dance routines were fantastic and each House produced excellent performances. I congratulate all the dancers, choreographers and dance coordinator Melanie Wilcock for their hard work.

Mitch Mackay, Principal



Year 7 students shine musically in Winter Concert 1



Our Year 7 students did a great job performing together as a cohort at Perth Modern School for the first time for the Winter Concert 1.

All Year 7 students were involved, either in the choirs or also in Wind Band, Ripieno, Guitar Ensemble or the Contemporary Ensemble.

Congratulations to all students for their great performances, especially after a bumpy ride with rehearsal time due to COVID-19.



New Year 7 Student Councillors

Sam Vallabhaneni, Renee Tan, Isabelle Lim and Aneesh Samanta have been voted by their peers as Year 7 Student Councillors!

Student Councillors represent the school at official events, liaise with the school executive, consult with the student body and do a lot of hard work behind the scenes organising events like Mufti Day and Charity Day. Congratulations Renee, Aneesh, Isabelle and Sam on this well-deserved accolade!

Isabelle Lim, Sam Vallabhaneni, Renee Tan and Aneesh Samanta.



Year 7 Big Days Out surpasses expectations

MAGGIE PERERA AND RENEE TAN, YEAR 7



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'Watch out for the snakes,' the instructor warned ominously, as we set out to traverse the treacherous terrain of the Woodman Point camp. This dangerous adventure was indeed not a plot created by our teachers to get rid of their noisy students, but it was orienteering, one of the many enjoyable activities we did during the Big Days Out.

The other activities we did were climbing, archery, team building, and Chaplain's Circle. However, our fun didn't stop when we came back to school—we watched the greatest cinematic masterpiece of our generation, *Shrek*, and ate enough pizza to make Nikki Avocado jealous. Despite having loads of fun, we also learnt new things. Not the academic kind from our teachers, but things like learning more about our friends, meeting new people, and some bizarre skills such as performing TikTok dances (courtesy of an archery instructor). Most notably of all, we learned that Ms Im, one of our teachers, was indeed a VSCO girl, as proven by her scrunchie and Kanken backpack.

The Big Days Out got us to cooperate and work through problems individually and together. We not only met new people, but interacted with people outside of school, who we otherwise might never have seen beyond class. This let us see people's interests that may not have come up during school hours.

Overall, although it wasn't the overnight camp that we had expected, the Big Days Out more than surpassed our expectations and gave us all memories we'll never forget.





Staff enjoy the buzz of competition



Staff versus Student Basketball

A large, enthusiastic crowd turned out for the traditional Student V Staff Basketball match at the end of Term 2. It was a fast-paced and action-packed display of skills with all players showing finesse and pace—some more than others.

As the crowd roared with every basket that landed, it was a shame there could only be one winner and, this time, the students could hold their heads up high. Staff better start practicing their skills for the next hotly contested match-up!



The Term 2 Staff versus Student Basketball match drew a large crowd.

Staff Table Tennis Competition

AARON BELL, THRIVING MINDS COMMITTEE

The annual Staff Wellness Table Tennis competition was another great success with staff enjoying the buzz of competition and inter-department rivalry, with some fantastic displays of skill on show.

Bunnings Warehouse kindly sponsored the competition again with some generous prizes on offer for the victors.

In the doubles competition, former #1 seeds Jan Sonder-Sorensen and Scott Marshall fell in the final to the newly crowned champion brothers, Hamish and Ti Chisholm. The singles competition was never in doubt, with former Danish youth international 'Sondo' dominating the field. Runner-up Mark Sweeney gave a valiant defensive performance but was no match for the victorious Viking.

Jan Sonder-Sorensen cheekily quoted after the win: 'Who won the doubles in Wimbledon last year? Exactly... no one remembers the doubles, it's all about the singles.'

Thanks to all staff members involved. Looking forward to the rematches next year.

TOP: Table tennis action.

RIGHT: The winners—Jan Sonder-Sorensen, Ti Chisholm and Hamish Chisholm. Many thanks to Bunnings for the vouchers.

FAR RIGHT: Aaron Bell and Mark Temov.



Exhilaration at the Year 9 Focus Day

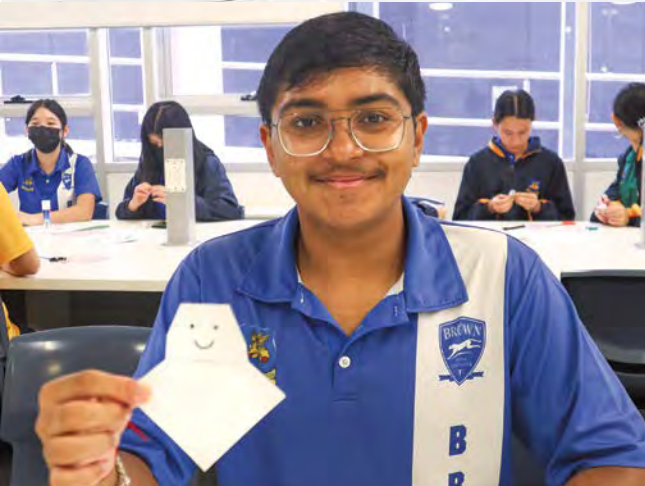
MIRANDA SALT AND BINTHI GUNAWARDHANA, YEAR 9



The Year 9 Focus Day began with enjoyable, physical and mindfulness activities such as yoga, team building, self-defence, and mood food to name a few. In these activities we were challenged, improved our skills, and had lots of fun! Following on, we participated in a Harry Potter themed escape room, which was engaging and entertaining.

After the activities we welcomed Dr Jane Genovese to speak to us and explore the psychology of procrastination and strategies to move from inaction to action. This was helpful and informative to a lot of students. We also listened to a talk from Zero2Hero titled 'Let's Talk Resilience' that included the importance of creating momentum.

Overall, it was an exciting and exhilarating day with activities that were well worth undertaking.



Swimming with whale sharks at Coral Bay

SARAH RANSOM, ORMONDE WATERS AND SARAH LIGHTFOOT, TOUR LEADERS



Coral Bay and diving with whale sharks was calling to 18 Year 11 students and three teachers in May. We enjoyed fabulous weather each day of the camp as well as fantastic interactions with a huge array of sea life.

On the first day in Coral Bay the students dived into the crystal-clear waters and saw myriad fish species, turtles, rays, invertebrates and a reef shark or two. The glass bottom boat ride took us over the coral that sadly suffered a bleaching event earlier in the year. The bleaching event occurred due to a coral spawn coinciding with poor weather conditions, rather than directly due to climate change. Luckily the reef further offshore was unaffected and the reef closer to shore is beginning to bounce back. The students learnt more about this event in the talk from Dr Frazer McGregor later that night, as well as learning about the complex ecosystem at Coral Bay including manta ray behaviour.

The next day was the main event, swimming with whale sharks. All students had the opportunity to swim with a whale shark, a truly memorable and amazing experience. The next day we had a magical encounter with the well-known local manta ray called 'Freckles' who was doing barrel rolls near the beach and swimming slowly enough for everyone to see her. I hope the trip sparked an interest in Marine Science for the students.

Many thanks to all the staff that made this trip possible, including Dr Waters who put in a huge amount of work to keep all staff and students COVID safe.



“...a truly memorable and amazing experience...”

Museum shares Mod's history and heritage

DR ROBYN WHITE, CHAIR PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INC

PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY



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A small band of active and enthusiastic volunteers have continued their work to maintain the collection of artefacts and school records which tell the story of Perth Modern School. We invite interested persons to be part of this inspirational journey through financial or in-person support for the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association.

The Museum Association was formed specifically to financially support the preservation, conservation and exhibition of school artefacts and records for the benefit of current and past students, their families, and the wider community.

Since 2019, we have successfully secured grants totalling \$8,000 to supplement our donated funds for specific conservation and some administrative purposes. To develop and modernise access to our museum exhibits and collections and to digitise more of our archival records, we realise that we need to continue to appeal to the interest and generosity of our alumni and the wider community with whom we seek to honour the history and share the heritage of Perth Modern School.

Museum Association members are all looking forward to another eventful and productive year.

Visitors are welcome to visit the museum on Monday mornings during the school term and we are also requiring more volunteers.

Museum Association Special Project

Walter Gardham

Manual Arts Teacher 1911–1930

Walter Gardham was one of the 16 founding teachers at Perth Modern School. In February 1911, Mr Gardham was appointed as the Head of the Woodworking and Mechanical Drawing Department at Perth Modern School and remained there until his death in 1930.

Recently, the volunteers responsible for our Science Collection began a special project. This followed the discovery of a wooden box of developed emulsion glass plates which had been stored in a cupboard in the Science Collection since being donated by family members who were former students at Perth Modern School.

Volunteer researcher and photographer, Peter Dillon, was able to carefully prepare the silver coated glass negatives, convert them into digital images and produce photographic prints, now on display.

The original glass plates were in two sizes—3 x 4 inches and 6 x 8 inches—and the pictures would have been taken with a wooden box camera very similar to the one in our Museum collection donated by Gardham family members.

History Centre records enabled contact to be made with Mr Gardham's family, reuniting these photographs with the original donors, who were delighted to see these precious family memories... all taken over a 100 years ago! Some images were of his wedding and honeymoon in 1899, his early life with his family in Kalgoorlie, and later in Subiaco, not far from Perth Modern School.

Walter Gardham's family were thrilled to have the glass negatives remain as part of our Museum Collection—a valuable historical record, as well as a wonderful insight into one of Perth Modern School's original teachers.



Sphinx Scholarships and Bursaries awarded



SENIOR YEARS SPHINX SCHOLARSHIPS

The Perth Modernian Society Inc together with the Sphinx Foundation Inc have awarded the following students a scholarship or bursary for 2022:

The Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship	Chern Yue (Elizabeth) Khor – Year 11
The Don Tyler Musical Instrument (Flute) Scholarship	Jasmine Chang – Year 12
The John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship	Georgia Stewart – Year 11
The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship	Kendrea Fernando – Year 11
The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Bursary	Madison Naylor – Year 10
The Don Tyler Biological Science Scholarship	Shiyi Zhang – Year 11
The Don Tyler Biological Science Bursary	Timothy Tan – Year 11
The Don Tyler Physics Scholarship	Rishita Sarkar – Year 11
The Don Tyler Physics Bursary	Max Wu – Year 11
The Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship	Faith Hoe – Year 11
The Dr Phil E. Best Science Bursary	Ella Forward – Year 11
The Dr Phil E. Best Science Bursary	Ken Joju – Year 11
The Dr Phil E. Best Science Bursary	Lucy Zhu – Year 12
The Jeanette McQueen Psychology Scholarship	Andrea Jancik – Year 11
The Don Tyler IT and Computer Science Scholarship	Dominic Beer – Year 11
The Malcolm Evans Languages Scholarship	Benedict Widjaja – Year 11
The Malcolm Evans Languages Bursary	Chau Tran – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Visual & Performing Arts Scholarship	Fiona Antony – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Visual & Performing Arts Bursary	Rachel Tan – Year 11
Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Scholarship	Raphael Ho – Year 11
Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Pilbara Field Visit Bursary	Anjitha Antony – Year 11
Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering (Upper School) Pilbara Field Visit Bursary	Ethan Irawan – Year 11

Sphinx Scholarship and bursary awardees.





The Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship	Chern Yue (Elizabeth) Khor – Year 11
The Shirley Randell Social Sciences Scholarship	Sashank Thapa – Year 11
The Ling and Chris Hayes Economics–Accounting Scholarship	Xavier Bates – Year 11
The Hunt Family Politics & Law Scholarship	Sophia Zhou – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Mathematics Scholarship	Ethan Irawan – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Mathematics Bursary	Chelsea Ong – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Scholarship	James Chansbury – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Bursary	Lillie Sartori – Year 11
The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Bursary	Jazz Ohayon – Year 11
The Don Tyler Innovations, Entrepreneur, and Independent Research Scholarship	Esther Santoso – Year 11
The Don Tyler Innovations, Entrepreneur, and Independent Research Bursary	Siddharth Narayanan – Year 11
The Doss Family Scholarship	Danial Ridzuan – Year 12
The Jim Leslie Scholarship	Ajin Lee – Year 11
The Jim Leslie Bursary	Andrea Jancik – Year 11
The Malka Equity Scholarship	Jaymie Whibley – Year 11
The Raymond Dingle and Gai Harris Equity Scholarship	Beth Duuring – Year 9
The TLC Be Inspired Scholarship	Sean Norman – Year 10

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cundill Violin	Carol Lam – Year 12
The Dettman Scholarship (Tertiary)	Joskun Arnold – Class of 2021
The Irene Jolley Memorial Choral Award (Tertiary)	Jason Dean – Class of 2021
The John Peter Coles Award for Top Vocal Student (Tertiary)	Shay Dowley – Class of 2021
The Wrightson Cello Scholarship	Joshua Soon – Year 12
The Stabb Scholarship (Tertiary)	Sophie Kemp – Class of 2021
The Stokes Sadlier Memorial Scholarship	Sachi Elliott – Year 11



ABOVE FROM LEFT: Awardees received their scholarship and bursary from the Hon Julian Grill, Chair of the Perth Modernian Society, at a special presentation; Danielle Jeyes and Vivian Wang, Directors of the Sphinx Foundation; and President of the Sphinx Foundation Inc Nigel Hunt chats to Principal Mitch Mackay. LEFT: Some Sphinx Scholarship and bursary awardees on stage; and MCs Rishita Sarkar and Ian Lewis.

Year 8 students BOUNCE for social fun

KATIE CHIN, HEAD OF YEAR 8



It was hard to contain the excitement of 150 Year 8 students as they donned their socks and wristbands, eagerly ready to bounce, dodge, swing, slide, fly and consume hot chips and ice cream at BOUNCE Adventure Centre in Cannington.

There were some agile acrobats amongst the cohort, who bounced and flipped their way down the long trampolines to elegantly flop into the ball pit. Others enjoyed the thrill and competitiveness of dodgeball—there was always a line for the next group to have a go at the title of last person standing.

It is safe to say a great night was had by all and it was lovely to see members of the cohort interact and engage in a friendly and fun-filled atmosphere.



Drill Music fun on the Year 10 River cruise



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The Year 10 River cruise was a super spreader of fun, with students having a ball on the Captain Cook cruiser down the Swan River. There was a great turnout for the cruise and an even greater atmosphere. Pizza and doughnuts were on the menu, as was Drill Music—a dance craze that has made its way Down Under from the streets of Chicago.

As one student commented: 'The River cruise went by so fast, but as they say—time flies when you are having fun!'



Ivy's Playground explores childhood memories

WESLEY SIMKIN, DIRECTOR



***Ivy's Playground* by Donna Hughes is a complex and stylistically challenging play that explores the long-lasting impacts of trauma and repressed childhood memories. The delightful group of Year 10 students that performed this play approached its dark and gritty nature with exceptional insight and creative fortitude.**

Not only did they learn to navigate the challenges of performing in a traverse space, but they also juggled busy schedules, and a multitude of Covid-related interruptions. Their performances were authentic and moving, with students drawing on the work of realist theatre practitioners to inform their three-dimensional characterisations.

We all have an Ivy in our lives. The notion of 'lost children', particularly in light of Cleo Smith's disappearance last year, is something that resonates with us all. Many of us are familiar with the pain that comes from losing a family member or loved one. Our strength comes from banding together, sharing our experiences, and fighting for what we believe in. In creating this work, these students have done all that and more. I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Cast

Knox	Tedd Lei, Luka Watters, Nibesh Khatri
Amy	Verity Hughes, Sophia Atartis, Ruby Cash
Pip	Sophie Harris, Megha Aleyas
Policeman	Vinuja Thibbotuge
Ivy's Mum	Ruby Cash
Ivy	Sophie Harris

Production Team

Director	Wesley Simkin
Lighting Designers	Sophie Harris and Verity Hughes
Lighting Technician	Miranda Salt (Year 9)
Sound Designers	Nibesh Khatri, Tedd Lei and Luka Watters
Sound Technician	Toby Syers (Year 9)
Costume/Make-up	Sophia Atartis and Ruby Cash
Set Design	Vinuja Thibbotuge and Megha Aleyas
Marketing	Sophie Harris and Megha Aleyas



Creative and intelligent misfits rule in *Trackers*

JESSICA PACECCA, DIRECTOR



The theme and plot of *Trackers* immediately resonated with our class. A group of creative intelligent misfits trying to take on the system to save the world. As the characters of Mixie, Max, Sam and Toby work together, celebrating each other's strengths, we too did the same, supporting each other throughout rehearsals no matter what challenges we were faced with.

The process of staging a production is arduous and requires complete commitment. Between blocking rehearsals and character workshops you need to think creatively about design: costuming, set, lighting, sound. The Year 10 students undertook these roles, so what was seen on stage was the creative work of this talented bunch of individuals. As their director I assisted to bring their vision to the stage through teaching the processes of a production. But it was this group of students who took the learning and applied it successfully to achieve their vision: to highlight the importance of individuality in a society that could give in to an algorithmic mould.

We were incredibly lucky to work with the playwright of *Trackers*, Donna Hughes, throughout this process. In workshops with Donna we explored the use of body, transitions and tempo to help us bring this script to life in a contemporary theatre style. As a group, we are very proud of what was achieved.

Cast

Sam	Esther Paterson
Toby	Bella Blyth
Max	Rian Woodard
Mixie	Claire den Hollander

Tech and Adults

Sigrid	Loren Wilde
Sam's Mum	Bahar Ravanbakhsh
Tech	Jamie Brooker
	Rachael Ho

C-Zone

Watcher	Harper Benson
Regulators	Alexandria Petrou
	Leo Maher
Jake	Henry Bird
Tay	Mikayla Axford
Luca	Calypso Bond
Grenenger	Dao Anh Le Ha
Girls	Lene Brady
	Hayley Mills
	Poojani Ranamuka Kankanamalage



Year 9 sail the *Crystal Swan*

MIRANDA SALT AND BINTHI GUNAWARDHANA, YEAR 9



Year 9 students had been eagerly anticipating their long-awaited social event, sailing the beautiful Swan River on the *Crystal Swan*.

The River Cruise was a night of dancing, good food and having fun with friends. As we all boarded the boat, talking excitedly, we stared in wonder at the glass box that we would be sailing on.

A highlight of the night was Mr Bell in the dance circle, or the teachers doing the Macarena. We all had lots of fun and the food was really tasty. Different types of pizza, soft drink and delicious desserts filled our stomachs. Lots of memories were made and we had so much fun, except for the fact we had school the next day... But it was Focus Day!



FROM TOP: Isobel Doe and Sophie Nham; Lalkrishna Rajarekharan and Adeoluwa Adebayo; and Riddhi Bajaj and Mahek Aribenchi.

FROM TOP: Oliver Cresp, Dylan MacDonald, Aidan Jang, Matthew Daly and Joshua Abrio; Japleen Singh, Lodinu Kalugalage and Brandon Fernando; in back row Llakrishna Rajarekharan, Adeolu Adebayo, Aarnav Negi, Ranjeev Nambiar and Kshithij Chandrashekar, and in front David Nguyen and Joshua Vong; and Kat Wilson, Abigail Robinson, Miranda Salt and Amber Marsh.

Simulated Dance: Co:3 workshops

ELLA BLYTHMAN-KIRK, YEAR 8 AND ROSE FAIREY, YEAR 9



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Dance elective students in Years 8–10 had a great time participating in contemporary dance workshops with Co:3. Ella and Alex, members of the company, took the class through a journey of choreography and collaboration, which was inspired by the art of movement and the environment surrounding us.

To allow ourselves to immerse into our surroundings, we disappeared into the world of virtual reality. We were given VR headsets, allowing us to experience and react to four different scenarios. The walls closing in on us, an earthquake in the middle of Perth city, drowning in claustrophobic sewers and getting sucked up in the outback by

giant tornados. It was an incredible rush of emotions, amazing and terrifying at the same time.

We then learnt some repertoire from 'Inside', led by Alex. From there we split into small groups and created some choreography of our own, inspired by the scenes from the VR experience. We used the emotions we felt to express how it felt in the one of the chosen scenarios. Every pair interpreted it so differently.

We thank Co:3 for giving us the opportunity to see the world in a way we could never have imagined—it was beyond our thoughts and expectations of what was to come, but they delivered something spectacular and rememberable.

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It was crazy when the city collapsed before my very eyes—I genuinely felt nervous for part of it and had to keep reminding myself it was just a simulation.

Year 8 Dance student



Celebrating the creative in Visual Art



Above from left: The finished masks on display; Jhouella Vo; and Jacinta Kearney.

→ Art Club inspired by character, myth or legend

SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHER

Students were inspired by a character, myth or legend when designing a large scale artisanal sculptural mask. They constructed the structural base first, then layering this with colourful spray paints, adding detail with paint pens and feathers and synthetic hair to embellish. Students had fun challenging themselves with a larger scale piece and were proud of their efforts and final sculptural artwork.

< Sam Vallabhaneni and masked friend.



Young artists celebrated at PULSE

KATIE CHIN AND SARAH EVE, VISUAL ART TEACHERS

Years 10, 11 and 12 ATAR Visual Art students rounded off a creative semester with a visit to PULSE at the Art Gallery of WA. Talented young artists are celebrated in this annual showcase, gauging the pulse of young people who will influence and shape the world we live in.

Celebrating 30 years of showcasing student work, this Year's exhibition featured 49 works by 2021 Year 12 Visual Arts graduates from 32 schools across WA. Amongst those are Perth Modern School's graduates Bridie Dempster and Sophie Kirk. Artworks have always been chosen on merit, creativity and individuality, not on the top marks of that Year, and have presented an interesting mix of the finalists' good technique, original ideas and creative interpretation. Themes explored included mental health and social pressures, environmentalism and human impact, connection, meaning and memory.

This was a timely and inspiring excursion for our senior students as they begin the development of ideas and concepts for their second semester artwork.

Visiting the PULSE exhibition was an inspirational insight into the work of our peers across the State. The calibre of work exhibited by the Year 12 students in PULSE is raised annually and seeing works that represented the talent and passion for art in WA served to expand our scope of youth art, beyond Perth Modern's walls. The subject matter and media of the works ranged significantly, with many traditional media such as oils and pencils exhibited complementarily with video works and textiles. Works ranged from celebratory in their nature to lamenting personal struggles that affected the artist themselves, or young people more generally. Two Class of 2021 Mod students have selected works on display this year, Bridie Dempster and Sophie Kirk.

This is the first year that the PULSE Exhibition has joined with The West Australian to offer prize money. The editor of the newspaper presented an award to his personal preference, a choice which was made in conjunction with the Pulse Youth Advisory Panel. Knowing that the youth have a voice in the proceedings of the exhibition, and that the exhibiting artists are respected and treated as adults is empowering in demonstrating future pathways for us as artists.

Miles Tawns, Year 12



PULSE featured works by two Class of 2021 students: Bridie Dempster (left) and Sophie Kirk (below).





Atwell Youth Art Awards: 12 Mod winners

Perth Modern School students have again attained a variety of Awards at the Atwell Youth Art Awards. This Year, 57 of our students had their artworks exhibited.

Congratulations to:

Jacinta Kearney, Year 7
 Bob Han-Busi, Year 7
 Katrina Yang, Year 8
 Ava Van Dommelen, Year 9
 Enru Chu, Year 9
 Adam Hooper, Year 10
 Olivia Meaney, Year 11
 Miles Tawns, Year 12
 Susanna Che, Year 12
 Tara Vulin, Year 8
 Iris Reed, Year 12
 Loic Dutry, Year 10

Highly Commended: Year 7 Art Award
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 Winner: Year 9 Art Award
 Highly Commended Year 9 Art Award
 Highly Commended: Year 10 Artwork
 Winner: Year 11 Art Award
 Winner: Year 12 Art Award
 Highly Commended: Year 12 Art Award
 Winner: Sustainable Living Art Award
 Winner: Wearable Arts and Textile Award
 Winner: Creative Energy at its Best Art Award

ABOVE FROM LEFT:
 Bob Han-Busi and
 Jacinta Kearney; Loic Dutry;
 and Olivia Meaney.



ABOVE: Susanna Che, Visual
 Art Teacher Sarah Eve and
 Iris Reed.

FROM LEFT: Tara Vulin and
 Katrina Yang; and Jacinta
 Kearney.

Fun in the sun for Year 10 Aquatic Recreation

LUCY GUNZBURG, AQUATIC RECREATION TEACHER



In Semester 1 there were two classes of Year 10 Aquatic Recreation with students and staff having a great time exploring different aquatic environments and activities.

At the start of this unit, during the double periods, students participated in sailing lessons on the Funcats situated in South Perth. Both classes were fortunate enough to receive some excellent sailing conditions. Heavy winds meant that the students' ability to follow instructions in a challenging environment and their ability to work productively in small groups was very much tested.

It was excellent to see the students' ability to rise to these challenges, build resilience and support their peers. After sailing, the classes then went on to participate in a kayaking session on the Swan River and surfing lessons at Trigg Beach. One of the classes was lucky enough to have special guest, Principal Mitchell Mackay join them for a surfing session and offer some tips on how to spend more time hanging out in the green room. Yew!

Students were also given the opportunity to obtain their Recreational Skippers Ticket. The theory component of this course was covered during our single class lessons at school. Once students had gained this

necessary knowledge, they then had the opportunity to attend the practical aspect of the course which was held at the Marine Education Boatshed in East Fremantle. It was excellent to see the enthusiasm of our students as they learned how to safely operate a small dinghy and receive this official qualification.

ABOVE RIGHT: Ruby Cash, Lenah Naveen and Kirsten Petterson sailing.

BELOW: Archie Taylor, Spandan Kankumbkar, Lenah Naveen and Nuala Holland.





Winter Sport Lightning Carnivals

MARK MUIR, HEAD OF HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Lightning carnivals are all about participation and enjoying the friendly competition with other local schools in netball, hockey, volleyball, soccer, AFL and basketball. The lightning carnivals experienced some challenging weather in Term 2 and, unfortunately, the Year 7 carnival had to be cancelled.

As well as many teams enjoying successful results, all teams were very happy to have a day interacting with their peers in a fun and supportive environment.

Congratulations to all students for the outstanding way they represented the school, including the students who assisted as coaches and officials.



Year 8 Basketball.



Year 9 Soccer.



Year 10 Netball



Year 10 Soccer.

James and Ben vie for State soccer selection

James Daubney and Ben Michael in Year 11 underwent trials for selection in the Under 16 Boys' State Soccer team. James was named Most Valued Player from all the players attending. After the trials, it was announced that James had made the State team! Well done James.

James Daubney was named Most Valued Player at the trials.





Kirsty wins gold in the Secondary Champion Schools Cross Country

LUCY GUNZBURG, HEALTH AND EDUCATION TEACHER

It was fantastic to have a strong contingent of Perth Modern students representing our school at the Secondary Champion Schools Cross Country event early in Term 2. Everyone gave their best effort, and we had some wonderful individual results.

A special congratulations to Kirsty Petterson in Year 10 who won gold in the U16 Girls event. It was excellent to see so many enthusiastic runners at training leading up to the event as well as on the day. We look forward to more great results in 2023.



TOP: Kirsty Petterson won Gold.

ABOVE: Ruby Paterson

LEFT: Enthusiastic runners at the Secondary Champion School Cross Country event.

BELOW: Nicholas Leendertse and Ryan Hemy.





2022 Interschool Squash Competition

SARAH LIGHTFOOT AND HAMISH CHISHOLM,
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Interschool Squash Competition at Squashworld Mirrabooka attracted a lot of interest with 18 Perth Modern students from Years 7–12 competing. The competition was fierce, and three teams were successful in gaining a place in their age group.

Thanks to everyone who tried out for the team. We are hoping we will be able to enter more teams next year.

A huge congratulations to the Junior Girls team of Jasmine Wu, Liliana Baldwin and Renee Tan who took out First place.

Results

Juniors Girls – First place: **Renee Tan, Liliana Baldwin and Jasmine Wu**

Junior Boys – Second place: **Jerome Tan, Joshua Vong and Frank Holdom**

Senior Boys – Third place: **Nayan Mehta, Joseph Coleman and Yash Banwala**



The Perth Modern Squash team.



Liliana Baldwin, Jasmine Wu and Renee Tan won the Junior Girls trophy.



The Junior Girls Trophy.



Bruce Yates, Ben Lochore, Nayan Mehta and Joseph Coleman.

Interschool Netball Cup Champions

KELLIE MORGAN,
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Term 2 saw Perth Mod's talented netballers showcase their talent at the Interschool Netball Cup. The girl's carnival was early in the term and was a great day filled with friendly competition and fun with the Year 10 Girls team and the Year 12 Girls team successfully making it through to the elimination finals day.

There were 10 Boys teams over Years 8–12 who trained all term and played their carnival day at Frank Gibson Park on June 23. All teams did very well, however the Year 9 Boys team were undefeated. They then played off in a heated final against Ursula Frayne Catholic College which they won by one goal! Well done to Benjamin Bauer in Year 9 who was named Best on Ground.

Congratulations to all the players who participated in this event. Special thanks to the volunteers that coached the teams, helpers and teachers for making this event possible.



Year 10 Girls Netball team.



Winning Year 9 Boys Netball team.

Sphinx Society

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ACHIEVED MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPHINX SOCIETY FOR SEMESTER 1, 2022.



YEAR 10

Michael Adams
Ariz Ahmed
Megha Aleyas
Ryan Ang
Natalie Aring
Matthew Arnold
Rishika Arora
Nandita Ashok
Joel Bariss
Rex Beashel
Jerryl Benny
Pranav Borude
Hoang Bui
Yilin Chi
Christian Choe
Hong Liang Chua

Henry Coates
Omali Deeyagaha Waduge
Claire den Hollander
Dinath Dias Abeysinghe
Jiaxuan Du
David Esdale
Vinura Elvadura
Max Germano
Charlton Hadlow
Yutian Han
Sophie Harris
Adiva Hassan
Shardul Inamdar
Chudy Isidien
Jiayi Jia
Kai Jun Kan
Spandan Kankumbkar

Amani Kariuki
Nibesh Khatri
Benjamin Lochore
Angela Lodi
Olivia Ly
Swara Mali
Janaiah Eunice Misamen
Ronan Naidu
Madison Naylor
Sean Norman
Arya Pandey
Dhruv Patel
Esther Paterson
John Peiris
Kirsten Petterson
Ann Eunice Sam
Atharva Sathe

Lauren Schneider
Shyna Shah
Soham Shah
Annabelle Sharma
Venuja Silva
Hannah Symons
Joshua Whale
Ethan Widjaja
Jessica Wilson
Gary Wu
Yu-Cheng Wu
Jinbin Xu
William Xu
Ethan Yap
Muhammad Zaidi
Yanyu Zhao

YEAR 11

Shifan Ahmed
Anjitha Antony
Fiona Antony
Aanchal Asundi
Samanmalee Azam
Dominic Beer
Sonja Braunl
Maxwell Bungey
Annika Carleton
Aden Chia
Ethan Chua
Cohan Cockburn
Eamon Cooper
Avicknash Dayanandan
Russell Dufty

Sachi Elliott
Sidney Eric
Albert Eyssautier
Kendrea Fernando
Ally Firth
Ella Forward
Emanuel Foundas
Isabella Henry
Raphael Ho
Faith Hoe
William James
Neha Joshi
Max Judd
Chern Yue Khor
Matilda Kosok
Hamdan Mahmood

Anastasiia Maksymova
Nirmanee Mallawa Thanthrige
Nayan Mehta
Mitchell Morris
Chelsea Ong
Anais Richard
Sophie Royle
Naynika Sanoj
Esther Santoso
Archana Saravanaperumal
Rohan Sarda
Rishita Sarkar
Lillie Sartori
Haolin Shao
Grace Sinclair
Jayden Singh

Rachel Tan
Timothy Tan
Sashank Thapa
Chau Tran
Rudra Trivedi
Isabeau van der Kooy
Bryan Wee
Benedict Widjaja
Sithika Wijesiri
Jona Wu
Max Wu
Aaron Yong
Chengyi Zhang
Shiyi Zhang
Zewen Zhao

YEAR 12

Sebastien Braibant
Danny Cao
Ethan Chai
Kristy Chau
Kalp Chhangani
Haoqian Cui
Keira Cullen
Jess Doan
Tate Fairbanks
Michael Flint
Alisha Fok Lok

Ella Fung
Raghav Ganapathy
Amalina Gosper
Madhav Gupta
Marc Hauck
Adam Holton
Akaash Jarmale Arun Kumar
Sandalu Kanapeddala Gamage
Paramkumar Kanpariya
Reuben Kopec
Alice Law
Rheannon Lazar

Isaac Lee
Parth Maheshwari
Muditha Pallewela
Jeans Pang
Morgan Porter
Krosby Readhead
Sitparan Sainath
Shreya Salunkhay
Yuika Sato
Aaditya Shah
Khush Shah
Sithuli Suraweera

Asher Tan
Chengchao Tang
Brooke Taylor
Neo Ung
Zouruhong Wang
Noah West
Ruixian Wu
Haoqi Ying
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